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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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For:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING NANOPARTICLE LAYER HAVING UNIFORM EASY AXIS OF MAGNETIZATION, MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SUCH LAYER, ITS PRODUCTION METHOD, AND ITS PRODUCTION APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- □ 10 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- ☑ Transmittal of Japanese application 2003-0005242 to claim priority date of January 14, 2003.
- ☑ An Executed Declaration.
- ☑ An Information Disclosure Statement
- An assignment executed by inventors to Hitachi, Ltd.
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